



## THE FEDERATED FORECAST

**The Federated Church**

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A Covenanted Congregation of

The United Church of Christ & The Unitarian Universalist Association

*"An Open and Affirming Church"*

**Welcoming Any and Loving All**

October 2019



*And the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram, for I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless..." But the word of the Lord came to him: "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then God said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And Abram believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. --Genesis 15:1-6*

As I begin my ministry with you, I have been thinking a lot about Abram and Sarai. You might know them better as Abraham and Sarah--the patriarch and matriarch not only of Christianity, but also of Judaism and Islam. Their names are changed later in the story when God finally fulfills God's promise of giving them a child--at 100 years old!

In short, the Abram-Abraham and Sarai-Sarah saga is a powerful story about the kind of God that we worship and follow, and the kind of faith we are invited to model in our own lives.

Abram and Sarai receive a challenging call to uproot themselves and journey into an unknown future where God promises to bless them in the most unlikely way: at 100 years old, they shall bear a child through whom the whole world will be blessed. This was no less absurd in their day as it is in ours. But God calls us into just such absurdities.

As you'll quickly see in this month's newsletter, October is full of opportunities to journey together into the future toward which God is calling us. While many of these events have been staples of our community for years, I invite you to consider what "absurd" new opportunity God might be calling you to in and through them. Is it to buy or deliver a pork dinner--or two or three--to someone who can't get out or who can't afford one? Or perhaps it is to buy a dinner to eat with a family member or friend with whom you've stopped talking? Is it to volunteer in new ways?

I invite you into the imagining--the possibilities are limitless. And so is *our* future as Federated Church--if we are willing to go above and beyond, following God into the absurdities where God promises we will find our true purpose: blessing the world in deep and transforming ways. When we do, we will discover that it is precisely these actions that most bless us in deep and transforming ways.

Together on the journey,  
Pastor Eric



**Sunday, October 6**

Liturgist: Linda Babcock  
Communion

**Sunday, October 13**

Liturgist: Pam Kitterman

**Sunday, October 20**

Liturgist: Carl von Ende

Handbell Sunday

**Saturday, October 26**

**Pumpkin Fest**

Liturgist: Judy Winter

**Flowers & Fellowship Hosts**

*Please share your commemoration of personal dates with your church family by providing Altar Flowers for the morning worship. The cost is **\$25.00** and envelopes are provided for your convenience. You are welcome to take the flowers home with you following the service.*

*Please commit to these important roles by signing the sheets in Dutton Hall.*

**Altar Flowers**

**October 6**                      **Bev Schramer and Pam Wagener for their spouses' October Birthdays**

**October 13**                      **OPEN**

**October 20**                      **OPEN**

**October 26**                      **Pumpkin Fest  
OPEN**

**Fellowship Hosts  
Board of Deacons**

**October 6**                      **Bev Schramer and Pam Wagener**

**October 13**                      **Dave and Suzanne Juday**

**October 20**                      **Kids' Club and Nancy Renfer**

**October 26**                      **No Coffee Hour**



## Mission and Society October Message from Paula von Ende, Chair

### The Board of Mission and Society is sponsoring a Fall Thrift Sale.

The Thrift Sale will be held Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19. Donations of all types of fall and cold weather clothing, especially children's sizes, are welcome. We could also use fall and Christmas decorations, toys, bedding and household goods. The fall and Christmas decorations were especially popular last year and it would be great to see this area grow!

The Thrift Sale hours are:

|                              |           |                            |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Set-up, Thursday, October 17 | 9 am-5 pm |                            |
| Sale, Friday, October 19:    | 9 am-4 pm |                            |
| Sale, Saturday, October 20:  | 9 am-1 pm | \$5 –fill a brown bag sale |

All donations should be clean and in good condition. They may be dropped off in the all-purpose room beginning October 13 with set-up on Thursday, October 17. **No electronics, including printers and computers, phones, please.**

**\*Helpers are needed for the Thrift Sale set-up, sale, and clean up. Sign-up in Dutton Hall.**



### **October Love Offering to Benefit Neighbors in Need (NIN)**

**Neighbors in Need** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

### **September VAC Donation**

The Love Offering for VAC was \$405. Thank you for supporting this important community mission which supports Meals on Wheels and VAC transportation services.

**GUYS NIGHT OUT  
MONDAY  
OCTOBER 21, 2019  
6 00  
PM**

**PJ'S COURT HOUSE TAVERN**



**Membershin and Fellowship Board News**  
From Board Chair, Pam Wagener



The Ladies Night Out for October will be  
at the Thai Pavilion in DeKalb  
Monday, October 28 at 6:00 pm.

**BUNCO RETURNS!**

Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 7 pm  
Bring 4 quarters and a dish to pass.



## . TRUSTEES UPDATES

ISN'T THE PARKING LOT LOOKING GOOD?

The next parking lot improvement will include new asphalt and new sealcoat. We hope for good weather so it can happen soon.

A new water heater for the kitchen will be installed and a new heat pump for the boiler will help keep our heating system in good working order.

GOOD NEWS!!!!

Donations for the sound system have been received. The sound system is now fully paid.

Thank you so much to all the Federated members who could help with this project!

Are you interested in helping fund a few other projects around the church? Talk to Skip Schramer. Tree trimming was not included in the budget and is an example of how you could help.

# PIG ROAST



**Drive-Through Dinner  
Thursday October 3  
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

**Catered by Inboden's  
AT LEAST 400 TICKETS  
SOLD by Sept 29!**



**Liz Finney**  
**Judy Jackson-Hoke**  
**Marilyn Hoover's daughter**  
**Roger Jacobson**  
**Pam Kitterman's brother, Larry**  
**Margot Mattin**  
**Paula von Ende's brother, Gordon**  
**Peggy Safford's mother, Virginia**  
**Servicemen/women & Veterans**  
**Victims of the St. Alban's Green and DeKalb Apartment Fires**  
**Family of Phyllis Moore, Malorie Nelson's mother,**  
**The Family and Friends of Rachel, Bev Whildin's niece**  
**Phil Wagener's great-nephew, newborn Warren Wagener**

**If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please inform the office.**



While Liz Finney is on sick leave, I have been filling in for her for the past three weeks. I TRIED to recreate the newsletter as she has published it. So please accept my attempt at a newsletter.

Thanks for your consideration.

Pam Wagener

Shrestha Singh, wife of Pastor Eric, has been hired on a short-term basis for the next few weeks to be the temporary Administrative Assistant while Liz recovers from surgery. Shrestha will be working approximately 15 hours each week.



## **October Anniversaries**

**01 Tony and Alice Whitney**  
**14 Don and Fe Gould**  
**19 Brad and Malorie Nelson**  
**20 John and Sue McCue**  
**25 Ray and Randi Napientek**



## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

|    |                     |
|----|---------------------|
| 02 | Phil Wagener        |
| 03 | Paige Walk          |
| 05 | Glenn Hollister     |
| 08 | Thomas Foster       |
| 09 | Skip Schramer       |
| 09 | Alexandra Smith     |
| 11 | Marilyn Montkza     |
| 17 | Carlene Bauer       |
| 18 | David Finney        |
| 18 | Barb Salvatore      |
| 19 | Earl Gip Seaver     |
| 19 | Crystal Foster      |
| 20 | Annie Olle          |
| 21 | Jacob Welcker       |
| 23 | Sharon Foster       |
| 24 | Judy Winter         |
| 24 | Oliver Nikitopoulos |
| 25 | Johnathan Foster    |
| 25 | Elliott Marsh       |
| 30 | Nina Slack          |





**Don't forget Set your clocks BACK on Sunday, November 3**



**NO Pumpkin Fest Worship  
On Saturday, October 25, 2019**

**NO WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26!**



**NEW BOTTLE CAP COLLECTOR**  
Sue McCue will collect bottle caps. She is working with her sister. Please bring your discarded bottle caps and leave them in Dutton Hall.



## Harvest of Quilts 2019

DeKalb County  
Quilters' Guild

40th Anniversary Show

Friday October 25, 2019 10:00am - 7:00pm

Saturday October 26, 2019 10:00am - 5:00pm

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Raffle Quilt



"Barn Raising Batiks"  
94" X 94"

▼ Quilts ▼

▼ Demonstrations ▼

▼ Raffle Quilt ▼

▼ Raffle Baskets ▼

▼ Handmade Gift Boutique ▼

▼ Fabrics and  
Books for Sale ▼



For more information:  
[www.dccg.org](http://www.dccg.org)  
[showinfo@dccg.org](mailto:showinfo@dccg.org)

Admission:  
Adults: \$3 /day  
Children 10 & under: Free



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Free

\$1 off with this bookmark

**For more information**

[www.dccg.org](http://www.dccg.org)

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# **Church Leadership**

## **Moderator:**

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## **Clerk:**

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Karen Hamingson        815-895-4631

## **Assistant Treasurers:**

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## **Council Members-at Large:**

Pam Kitterman   815-899-7032  
Dave Wood    815-756-1680

## **Board of Deacons:**

Linda Babcock   815-758-0763  
Judy Winter    815-761-9515

## **Board of Membership & Fellowship:**

Pam Wagener    815-895-9852  
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## **Board of Mission & Society:**

Paula von Ende        815-758-7375

## **Board of Religious Education:**

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## **Board of Trustees:**

Skip Schramer        815-751-4817  
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## **Your Federated Church Staff**

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OCTOBER

FEDERATED CHURCH

2019

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|--|
|  |  | 1<br>8:30 AM Preschool<br>12:30 PM<br>Preschool | 2<br>8:30 am PreSchool<br>9:30 am Sewing Bee<br>12:30 PreSchool<br>7:30 pm<br>Choir Rehearsal  | 3<br>8:30 am PreSchool<br>3 – 7 pm Pig Roast<br>4:30 – 6:30 Pig Roast<br>Pick up Meal<br>A<br>8 pm AA | 4<br>8:30am<br>Federated<br>Preschool<br>12:30pm<br>Federated<br>Preschool  | 5  |
| 6<br>Communion Sunday<br>10 am Worship<br>11:15 Fellowship<br>1 pm Crop Walk<br>6 pm Troop #16<br>8 pm AA              | 7<br>8:30 AM Federated<br>Preschool<br>12:30 PM<br>Federated<br>PreSchool<br>7 Pm Prayer Shawl | 8<br>8:30am Federated<br>Preschool              | 9<br>8:30am Federated<br>Preschool<br>9:30am Sewing Bee<br>12:30pm Federated<br>Preschool<br>7:30pm Choir  | 10<br>8:30am Federated<br>Preschool<br>6:30pm Church<br>Council<br>8 pm AA                            | 11<br>No PreSchool  | 12<br>10:00am DeKalb<br>Quilters'<br>Guild Workshop  |
| 13<br>10:00am Worship<br>11:15am Fellowship<br>6:00pm Troop #16<br>8:00pm AA   | 14<br>8:30 AM Federated<br>Preschool<br>12:30 PM<br>Federated<br>PreSchool<br><br>Columbus Day | 15<br>8:30am Federated<br>Preschool             | 16<br>8:30am Federated<br>Preschool<br>9 am Thrift Sale<br>Set up<br>9:30am Sewing<br>Bee<br>12:30pm<br>Federated<br>Preschool<br>6:30 Handbells<br>7:30pm Choir                         | 17<br>8:30am Federated<br>Preschool   | 18<br>8:30am<br>Federated<br>Preschool<br>12:30pm<br>Federated<br>Preschool<br><br>Thrift Sale<br>8:30-4  | 19<br>12 Noon<br>Harambee<br><br>Thrift Sale 9 -12<br>noon<br>7 pm Bunco                   |
|  |  |   |  |   |   |  |
| 20<br>10:00am Worship<br>Handbells<br>11:15am Fellowship<br>11:30 Board of<br>Deacons<br>6:00pm Troop #16<br>8:00pm AA | 21<br>8:30 am PreSchool<br>12:30 PreSchool<br>6 pm Guys Night<br>Out<br>7 pm Prayer Shawl      | 22<br>8:30am Federated<br>Preschool             | 23<br>8:30am Federated<br>Preschool<br>9:30am Sewing Bee<br>12:30pm Federated<br>Preschool<br>7:30pm<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>2 pm -7 pm Friends of<br>DeKalb County<br>Treatment<br>Courts | 24<br>8:30am Federated<br>Preschool<br>6 PM Quilters<br>Guild Meeting                                 | 25<br>8:30am<br>Federated<br>Preschool<br>12:30pm<br>Federated<br>Preschool<br>DeKalb County<br>Quilters Guild<br>40 <sup>th</sup><br>Anniversary<br>Show<br>10 am – 7 pm | 26<br>DeKalb County<br>Quilters Guild 40 <sup>th</sup><br>Anniversary Show<br>10 am – 5 pm |
| 27<br>NO SUNDAY<br>CHURCH<br>SERVICE   | 28<br>NO<br>PRESCHOOL<br>6 PM Ladies<br>Night Out<br>Thai Pavilion<br>DeKalb                   | 29<br>8:30am Federated<br>Preschool             | 30<br>8:30am PreSchool<br>9:30 Sewing Bee<br>12:30 PreSchool<br>7:30 Choir   | 31<br>Halloween<br>8:30am Federated<br>Preschool  |   |  |



### **Sondra King Memorial CROP Hunger Walk**

The DeKalb County North (Sondra King Memorial) CROP Hunger Walk is on October 6 starting at 1 pm from the DeKalb United Methodist Church.

Thank you to all who donated and walked.

Church World Service is the organization which originated the CROP Hunger Walks almost 35 years ago. DeKalb County has been involved ever since that time. Nationally, in 2017, there were 900 walks with 107,000 participants raising \$9,000,000. Before the walks, though, grain was harvested and gleaned and shipped overseas to areas of the world which were war-torn or where need for food was dire. We continue that honorable tradition every year through our participation in the CROP Hunger Walk.

#### **Brief facts about hunger:**

795 million people around the world do not have enough food to lead a healthy, active life

1 out of 6 children – roughly 100 million – in developing countries is underweight

Around the world, hunger kills more people than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined

Hunger is on the rise

Locally, the agencies which serve people in need and which provide food (such as Hope Haven, Safe Passage, and VAC-Meals on Wheels) are always in great need (25% of the funds we raise are used to support these agencies as well as Barb Food Mart, Bethlehem Food Pantry, and the Sycamore Food Pantry).

Federated Crop Work Committee

Jerry Lane

Jean Evans

Paula von Ende